



CEPPS/IFES Quarterly Report: April 1, 2005 – June 30, 2005

Training in Detection and Enforcement (TIDE) Program

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Project Period: July 2003 – June 30, 2005

Total Budget: \$182,339.00 Expenses Recorded to Date: \$151,181

Results Summary

- IFES arranged a training session with the Electoral Commission of Bosnia Herzegovina (ECBiH) and other enforcement agencies in February 2005. The commission has helped IFES develop a final training package based on their feedback after the training session.
- IFES incorporated the latest information and best practices available from international political finance sources.

Background

The Training in Detection and Enforcement Program is a global initiative designed to enhance detection and enforcement of political finance abuses, thereby increasing accountability. IFES works with local partners to identify and target the needs of each project country and to apply internationally accepted standards and best practices with a focus on enforcement.

The program objectives are to do the following:

- Increase the capacity of political finance regulators in such areas as investigation techniques, audit skills and money laundering detection mechanisms.
- Establish new methodologies to monitor activities such as compliance and enforcement patterns.
- Monitor, analyze and develop enforcement mechanisms to retard the impact of cross-border political finance transactions.

Activities

- IFES received a no-cost extension to June 2005 in order to add value to the current product and completed the TIDE program.

- IFES has created and collected case studies covering all aspects of political finance from initial post-conflict elections to established democracies with a strong focus on accountability and international precedence.
- IFES has created a reference manual for use by political finance professionals and groups or individuals with an interest in political finance. The manual has been designed for practitioners to use as a reference text and CSO's and other groups to use as an educational resource.
- IFES has solicited and received professional reviews of the TIDE manual from outside experts from the Federal Election Commission and New York City Campaign Finance Board. Their observations and suggestions have been included in the final manual.
- IFES completed the training package for distribution by CD-Rom and internet. This training package was developed with the need for future alteration in mind and can be easily adapted for new information and translation.
- IFES adjusted the training package including the manual, CD ROM and case studies, after receiving input from members of the ECBiH and the other professional attendees from the United States and Bosnia Herzegovina. These suggestions were gathered both at the training session and from non-IFES affiliated professionals.

Activities Planned for Next Quarter

IFES will complete all required reporting.